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GREAT CHAMBER MERGES MANY PUBLIC BODIES

PLANS SHOW IMMENSE SCOPE CALL FOR UNITED HONOLULU

Special Committee of Businessmen Finish Preliminary Draft of Scheme—Many Features of Commerce, Industrial Development, Benevolent And Charitable Work And General Public Welfare Are Proposed

WILL MERGE INDIVIDUAL BODIES.

Chairman L. Tenney Peck, discussing the plans for the Greater Honolulu Chamber of Commerce this morning, said: "The Greater Chamber of Commerce will probably use the charter of the present chamber for awhile. As the basis of action, first of all, the Chamber of Commerce and the Merchants' Association will come together in one body. Then the doors will be opened to a more comprehensive membership, and the activities of the Greater Chamber of Commerce enlarged on lines somewhat similar to those adopted in recent years by Boston, Rochester, Cleveland, Los Angeles and San Francisco, so that the organization will be in touch with all the currents of community enterprise and development, civic as well as commercial.

"The joint committee held two meetings. It met yesterday and adjourned to the call of the chair. In the meantime the members will consult with their respective organizations, by which the proposal will be discussed and altered perhaps in many ways before being finally adopted, if the movement is to go on to consummation.

"The civic union is not an organized body," said Mr. Peck when asked if there would be a reference also to that constituted part of the joint committee. "It is simply an expression of community opinion upon the question of amalgamation which has been discussed for some years past."

"Undoubtedly the promotion committee will disappear as a self-contained body if the scheme goes through," said Mr. E. A. Berndt when questioned on that point. "There will be no commercial body outside of the Greater Chamber of Commerce."

L. Tenney Peck is chairman of the joint committee, formed as follows:

Chamber of Commerce—E. D. Tenney, E. I. Spalding, F. C. Atherton.
Merchants' Association—W. H. McNerny, Charles Bon, M. Phillips.
Civic Union—J. R. Galt, G. W. Smith, E. A. Berndt, L. Tenney Peck.

A plan of organization for the proposed Greater Honolulu Chamber of Commerce has been drafted by the special joint committee having the matter in charge, and the Star-Bulletin is able here with to publish the by-laws now under consideration, giving the plan in detail.

This scheme of organization has been worked out after more than a year of consideration by prominent business and professional men of Honolulu. For many months a special committee has been at work making researches into the plan of operation of mainland chambers of commerce, including those of San Francisco, Cleveland and other large cities. The committee was named after a dinner at the University Club nearly a year ago, at which the advisability of uniting a number of Honolulu's commercial and civic bodies was discussed.

The plan as now set forth in the by-laws provides a body of exceeding wide jurisdiction and activities. The provisions for membership are simple, practically the only restriction being that the application may be rejected by three votes out of the twenty-one directors. The admission fee and dues are comparatively small.

The activities of the chamber are to be carried on through standing committees as follows:

Executive.
Finance and Audit.
Trade, Commercial and Industrial Development.
Maritime Affairs.
Agriculture.
Public Utilities.
County and Municipal Affairs.
Territorial Affairs.
Public Finance, Taxation and Insurance.
Public Health and Sanitation.
Legislation.
Charities and Social Welfare.
Membership.
Reception and Entertainment.
Arbitration.

The by-laws have not been entirely decided upon by the special joint committee, but the plan as published below may be taken as practically that which will be reported favorably and will in all likelihood become the basis of the organization of the Greater Chamber of Commerce.

Article I.—Name and Object.

Section 1. The name of this association is the Greater Honolulu Chamber of Commerce.

Section 2. The object of this association shall be to advance, foster and encourage the domestic and foreign

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PLANS MAIL IMPROVEMENT FOR HAWAII

Inspector Hall Here to Work Out Important Changes—The Man Who Helps Put Postal Frauds Out of Business

Plans for reorganization of the mail service between the Coast and the Hawaiian Islands, resulting in an immense increase in the rapid handling of mail throughout the territory, are contemplated by Harry B. Hall, inspector in charge of the San Francisco division.

Inspector Hall, who is one of the best-known men in the postoffice department, arrived on the Ventura yesterday and will be here until February 3, when he will return to the coast on the Sierra. He is in charge of the work throughout Arizona, Nevada, California and the Hawaiian Islands. Besides this, his activity in handling various features of postoffice work takes him into many other states, particularly up and down the Coast. A veteran postal official, he is known throughout the country not only as an efficient organizer and fine executive, but as a terror to the evil-doers who attempt to carry on their get-rich-quick schemes by the use of Uncle Sam's mails.

However, said Mr. Hall with a smile this morning in response to a question, he is not here in the pursuit of malefactors, but to see what can be done about giving Honolulu and Hawaii better mail facilities.

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FISHER NOT TO REPORT ON HAWAII YET

Magnitude of Task of Wading Through Evidence Staggers Secretary

By C. S. ALBERT

[Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence]
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 10.—Secretary Fisher has deferred framing a report of his investigation in Hawaii and formulating recommendations for such legislation as will be of advantage to the Territory. He seems astounded by the extent and size of the undertaking before him.

After returning from Honolulu to this country Secretary Fisher prepared a brief report concerning his inquiry into the administration of Governor Flear, based on charges preferred by Delegate Kalanikouale. This he forwarded to President Taft, then in Beverly, recommending the reappointment of Governor Flear. The president accepted the conclusion reached and sent in the nomination immediately after Congress convened December 2.

It was then announced by Secretary Fisher that after he received a transcript of the testimony taken before him in Hawaii he would arrange an elaborate report. In addition, he made suggestions along various lines for the betterment of the islands and the increase of prosperity.

The transcript came along early in December. The Secretary said he would have his report and recommen-

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Captain Allman On Mysterious Mission

"You can state positively that the berthing of the China at Alakea wharf after sun-down on the last visit of the liner from the Orient, had nothing whatever to do with my resignation from the service," insisted Captain Roger Allman, a passenger in the Matson Navigation steamer Wilhelmina, in reply to the report circulated to that effect.

"I expect to remain in the islands for some time," continued Captain Allman, who for fourteen years has been identified with the Pacific Mail Company, and but recently stepped down from the command of the intermediate liner China.

"I do not care to speak of my mission here at the present time," he added.

In certain government circles today it was stated that the belief is that Captain Allman has come here on a special mission connected with the smuggling of opium. The skipper himself utterly declined to discuss this phase of his visit, nor would he give a hint of the object that brought him back to Honolulu so soon after re-

signing from the Pacific Mail service. It is hinted that Captain Allman, who is now succeeded in the China by Captain Hans Thompson, may at a future time align himself with the coastwise service. Allman, although a young man, is known as one of the most efficient navigators out of San Francisco. Before taking command of the China he was in charge of the liner City of Panama, and distinguished himself by saving that vessel from certain foundering nearly a year ago. Before that he was chief officer of the Korea and well known to persons crossing the Pacific.

Allman began his maritime experience by propelling a raft about the bay. He is one of the few self-made skippers, and his rise in the profession from the time he became a common sailor to his command of a big ship was due entirely to his own efforts.

Captain Thompson, who takes over the destinies of the China is declared one of the best navigators on the

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WIFE COMES FROM THE COAST TO TESTIFY AGAINST HER HUSBAND

Following the arrival on the Wilhelmina this morning of Mrs. Theresa Steele and Miss Virginia Scaroni, of San Francisco, and their interview with United States District Attorney R. W. Breckons the latter announces his belief that he has sufficient incriminating evidence to prove J. C. Steele, alias Jesse Clark, the former street car conductor, guilty of a statutory offense which will send the latter to prison for a considerable number of years.

That Jesse Clark, the man known in Honolulu and J. C. Steele, who married Miss Theresa Scaroni in San Francisco a number of years ago, are one and the same person Breckons is thoroughly convinced.

In fact, when Mrs. Steele, his San Francisco wife, and her sister came off the Wilhelmina this morning Miss Scaroni asserts she recognized Steele standing on the pier. He made no effort to identify himself to his relatives however. They were escorted from the vessel by federal officials. Both will remain here until January 27, when the affair will be placed before the grand jury.

So sure is the district attorney of the strength of his evidence that he issued a new warrant for Steele's arrest this morning, charging him with adultery. The man's former arrest was on a charge of bigamy and he was released on \$1,000 bail, but this will be changed today and Breckons will urge a much higher bond, which Steele probably will be unable to get and will thus compel him to remain in

confinement until his case is called in court.

In their interview with Breckons the wife and sister substantiated the theory that Steele was living in Honolulu under the nom de plume of Clark. Mrs. Steele explained that she and the man's mother had been in communication ever since he came to the islands, always sending his mail addressed to "J. C. Steele, Lockbox No. 755, Honolulu."

This information was confirmed thirty minutes later when a receipt was found at the local postoffice showing J. C. Steele had rented a lock box there in 1911 and still retained it.

Mrs. Steele said his use of the name Clark was not a new feature. During a part of his residence at San Francisco he had traveled under that cognomen. To avoid trouble with the streetcar unions and strikebreakers during the trouble there he had gone into the traction service under the assumed name, and was known to all the streetcar men there as Clark. When he came down here his recommendations from the company's officials of San Francisco bore the name Clark, thus virtually compelling him to continue its use in his new job.

As yet the district attorney has been unable to confirm the suspicion that Steele, or Clark, has more than the two wives already thought to have been found. Mrs. Steele's statement that he is receiving mail from his mother under the name of Steele would seem to indicate that this is the family title and true name.

Puts Ban On Spoils System



President-elect Woodrow Wilson

STRONG BACKING FOR HILO'S CAR LINE

[Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence]
HILO, Jan. 20.—The final arrangements for the incorporation of the Hilo Traction Company, as the street car organization for the local use will be called, are practically completed and the articles of incorporation will be filed in the near future. The capital stock has been decided upon at \$100,000, with the privilege of increasing to \$500,000, and it is expected that all this will be taken in the territory and the larger part in the city of Hilo. An issue of bonds will probably be made to complete the financing of the concern.

The incorporators of the company, so far as given out at present, will include the following: H. V. Patten, cashier of the First Bank of Hilo; Charles F. Wood, vice-president of the Breakwater Company; D. E. Metzger, local manager of the Breakwater Company; Attorney Carl S. Carlsmith, Manager C. E. Wright, of the Volcano Stables; L. S. Connors, editor of the Hawaii Herald; W. H. Johnson, manager of the Hawaii Herald; Col. Sam Johnson, manager of the Pahoa Mill Co. Other names will probably be added before the papers are filed. Arrangements are being made at the present time to bring down a

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MUST REOPEN THE SPRECKELS CASE

That the old Spreckels will case, involving property on the mainland worth \$10,000,000 and \$500,000 worth of property in Honolulu, and which has been undergoing bitter litigation in both local and San Francisco courts since 1908 will be reopened and threshed all over again was made practically certain this morning when Circuit Judge H. E. Cooper entered judgment in accordance with his decision of January 9, involving the Hawaiian holdings of the estate.

He gives John D. and Adolph B. Spreckels, the plaintiffs, right to share immediately in the ownership of the Honolulu real estate. Attorney D. L. Withington, counsel for the heirs under the will, immediately filed notice of appeal to the supreme court of the territory and the court gave its approval to the \$1000 bond required for the appeal.

Withington already has announced that if the higher tribunal sustains Judge Cooper's findings he will carry the case to the United States supreme court. If it does not, Attorney R. B. Anderson, counsel for John D. and Adolph B. will appeal.

While the decision applies only to the Hawaiian property and the ultimate court would be unlikely to review the California supreme court in matters of state law, yet in arriving at its own finding the U. S. supreme court must interpret the will, and if its interpretation differs from that of the California court there is strong probability that the entire case would be reopened in California.

The important feature of the judgment entered this morning, and to

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SPOILS SYSTEM NOT FOR HIM WILSON JOLTS THE BOURBONS

President-elect, Acting as Governor of New Jersey, Declines to Remove Republican Commissioner of Labor "Because This Man Has Made Good"—Adds That "Justice Alone Shall be" His Guide In Appointments—Action Shock to Hungry Office Seekers All Over the Country -- Democratic Labor Leader Turned Down

[Associated Press Cable]

TRENTON, New Jersey, Jan. 21.—New Jersey Democracy today is quivering from a body blow dealt by no less a person than the President-elect, and present governor of the state, Woodrow Wilson. In effect Wilson has declared himself as unalterably opposed to the spoils system of running an administration and has come out for clean-cut business methods in government.

In fact, he today declined to remove the Republican commissioner of labor of the State, and to appoint as his successor, a Democratic labor leader, who stands high in the councils of the party in New Jersey, besides being most influential in the labor union circles. In refusing to remove the incumbent and appoint another man, Mr. Wilson declared that he could "see no reason for the move other than a purely political one, as the present office holder has made good in every respect." He added in effect that the spoils system shall not have place in his administration and concluded by saying that "justice and not gracefulness shall guide me in my distribution of patronage."

The plans of the President-elect for the coming inauguration have been completed far enough to enable him to announce that he will resign from the governorship March 3 and will travel to Washington in an ordinary coach, on one of the regular trains. It is reported that offers of special cars and even special trains have been made him, but that he has refused them all.

Peace Prospect Rosy

[Associated Press Cable]

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 21.—Most marked is the feeling here that Turkey will accede to the demands made upon her by the powers and the allies. It is generally believed that the Great Powers will refuse to permit the allies to resume hostilities on the ground that they have won all that they could hope to win, and that further shedding of blood would be useless.

Still another feature of the situation is pointed out. The proposal from London that Turkey relinquish only that portion of Adrianople at present occupied by the Christians, while retaining the part of the city regarded by the Mussulman as sacred is meeting with much favor here. The Christian world appears to have found it difficult to understand why Turkey clung to the city. The fact is that second only perhaps to Mecca, Adrianople is one of the most sacred cities under the rule of the Ottoman. There is buried the bodies of many of the most famous sultans and the feeling in official circles was that Islam would not tolerate its abandonment.

This feeling, however, it is now pointed out, applies to the so-called Turkish quarter of the city only. It is there that the mosques and tombs of the dead are situated. For the rest the average Turk does not care what happens to it. It is filled with Christians. It is believed that there will be little difficulty in making arrangements for the occupation of the sacred portion of the city, and turning over of the remainder to the allies to be held by them jointly.

Mexican Volcano Erupts

[Associated Press Cable]

GUADALAJARA, Mexico, Jan. 21.—Colima, the great volcano some miles from this city, is in active eruption. The shocks as the violent explosions that for a day have been shaking the mountain at frequent intervals can be felt here plainly, resembling the tremors of a violent earthquake.

Thousands have been forced to flee from the surrounding country, which is being engulfed in vast volumes of suffocating gases. But little lava has been reported flowing as yet, but the fall of hot ashes is large and steadily increasing. It is feared that many deaths have occurred in the rural districts, of which no reports have as yet been made. The government of the city is sending out rescue parties and the Americans are helping in every possible manner. The sky is overcast as though a thunder storm was about to break over the city, and the people are filling the churches.

Another Cruiser Rushed South

[Associated Press Cable]

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 21.—The U. S. S. Annapolis has received orders to hasten to Mexican ports as soon as possible and to join the cruiser Denver in protecting American life and property, said to be in grave danger at the hands of the rebels in the southern republic. Dispatches from Mexico City declare that the disorders are continuing and they are becoming widespread. The government, it is said, is utterly unable to cope with the situation and is making no effort to meet the danger confronting foreign residents in the country. Washington today ordered a gunboat to Vera Cruz, to care for the Americans driven from their homes in the interior.

Root Argues For Free Canal

[Associated Press Cable]

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—In a really impassioned address before the senate today, Senator Root of New York, argued in favor of his amendment to the Panama canal bill passed at the extra session of congress. Mr. Root declared that "we hold our property rights in Panama not for ourselves but in trust for all civilization." He pointed to the provisions of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty and asserted that the present law violates them shamelessly. He urged arbitration of the dispute between this country and Great Britain over the question of canal tolls and wound up by declaring that our "authority in the canal zone is based solely upon the principle of neu-tralization and the giving of equal terms to all."

Millions For Big Fair

[Associated Press Cable]

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—The House, committee on appropriations today by an unanimous vote decided to recommend to congress the appropriation of two million dollars for the Panama Fair, to be held in San Francisco in 1915. It is more than likely that the measure will pass.